

THE LAYMAN.

Congressman Powers' on the Duty of the Layman to the Church.

His Recent Speech Before the South Middlesex Unitarian Conference. At Channing Church.

The afternoon session of the South Middlesex Unitarian Conference at Channing church was devoted to a discussion of "Unitarian Aims and Methods." The first speaker was Hon. Samuel L. Powers, in introducing whom the president of the Conference, Mr. George H. Ellis of West Newton, said: "The first speaker will be one who clearly believes the old adage that 'the prophet is not without honor, except in his own country.'" Hon. Samuel L. Powers of Newton."

ADDRESS OF MR. POWERS.

I desire at the very outset to make a confession, and it is that this is the first call that I have ever had to preach; and I wish to further say that the assignment which is given me today is not of my own seeking. Dr. Talmadge used to tell the story of the old Scotch preacher who one day boasting said to a fellow preacher that on the preceding Sunday he had preached two hours and twenty minutes to his congregation. His fellow preacher said to him, "You must have been terribly tired." "Oh, no," he said, "but you ought to have seen the congregation!" (Laughter.) Now while I imagine that in what I have to say this afternoon I may have a tendency to weary you, nevertheless I am inclined to think that the discussion of a Theological subject is quite as likely to weary me.

Every week throughout the year the layman hears from the church through the preacher, and it may be proper that once in the year at least the church should hear from the layman. Last night we listened to a most able and eloquent discourse from Mr. Savage upon the duty of the layman, and I do not take exception to anything that he said. But upon the other hand, it must be remembered that the layman is doing something for the church, and this afternoon I am going to speak of the relationship of the layman to the church.

You must bear in mind that there is no legal obligation upon the layman to support the church. What ever obligation there may be, it is a moral obligation. You must also bear in mind that the state does not support the church. And yet throughout the length and breadth of this land you find churches being erected, being maintained, and it is all being done by the laymen voluntarily.

Now why is it that the great body of the people that we call laymen, support the church? We do it because there is in our natures a religious element which is indispensable to the life of mankind. If the nation were to enact a law that there should be no churches erected and maintained throughout the country, that there should be no religious worship, nevertheless this religious sentiment would continue to exist, and it would exist because it is a part of our nature. One of my facetious friends, commenting the other day upon the fact that I had been selected to speak on the subject of the relationship of the layman to the church, said that he understood that I was selected because my attendance at the church had been so infrequent that there was a belief upon the part of the committee that I would not be unduly biased in favor of the church. [Laughter.]

It is true that those of us who attend church, do what Mr. Savage said that we frequently do,—and fault with the preacher; and very likely we are not always justified in so doing. But the layman finds fault with the preaching not because he is opposed to preaching, but because it is one of the luxuries of the average American to find fault. I remember once hearing the story of the minister who asked his fellow minister, "Do you ever stop at the door as your congregation is going out, and hear the comments of your people upon your sermon?" "Yes," he said, "I did once, but I promise you that I will never do so again." [Laughter.]

However much fault we may find with the sermons, nevertheless they are all of value to the layman. Very likely you remember the story which was told of the late Mr. George M. Stearns of Chicopee, a most excellent and very distinguished citizen of Massachusetts, and very much interested in the church in his own town. On a certain occasion there was an exchange of pastors, and the clergyman who came to the church in Chicopee to preach in the place of the one who usually occupied the pulpit, preached upon the growing tendency of the evil of horse racing.

It so happened that Mr. Stearns was very much interested in owning and driving fast horses, and very unfortunately the pastor was not aware of this fact. Mr. Stearns was in his pew, as he almost always was, and when the sermon was over one of the deacons rushed up to the minister and said to him, "I am very much afraid that you have mortally offended one of the most distinguished parishioners that we have in this church." The preacher said, "What do you mean?" And he told him the situation. "Why," said he, "present me to Mr. Stearns at once. I am very sorry." And so the deacon brought Mr. Stearns back and introduced him to the minister. who said, "Mr. Stearns, I am afraid I have offended you. I certainly did not intend to do so. I understand perfectly well that you own good horses; that you sometimes drive them, but my remarks were not intended to refer to men like you, they were intended to refer to the professional horse racer." But Mr.

Stearns, with a wonderful magnanimity that characterized him throughout life, placed his hand upon the minister's shoulder and said, "Parson, you stop right there. Don't you say another word. It is all right. I want to say to you that it is a mighty poor sermon that does not hit me somewhere." [Laughter.] And so it is with the ordinary layman—it is a poor sermon that does not hit us somewhere.

I understand I am called upon today to say something concerning the Unitarian belief, and the relation which that belief holds to the great commercial and social world. I regret to say that I have never studied the belief of my church carefully. I have accepted it on faith. I have assumed from the first that it was the best possible religious belief, and that it could be accepted and followed with safety.

If I understand correctly, we have no creed, in the sense in which that term is used, in our church. Our church rests, so far as its faith is concerned, upon certain great fundamental truths. It is founded upon the truths as preached by Christ and his apostles. The Golden Rule is the foundation creed of this church. The Ten Commandments, and the Sermon on the Mount are the foundation of the Unitarian church. I assume that if every creed and every ritual adopted by all other churches were to be discarded, that Christian men and women would be in practical accord concerning those great truths upon which our church is founded. You will find that all the law enacted by the Anglo Saxon race is founded upon the preaching of Christ and his apostles. The great code of morals which controls the business world is the outgrowth of the preaching of Christ. Some one has said that many years ago a man took care lest his neighbor cheat him; that today he takes care lest he cheat his neighbor. And that is the principle upon which all honest business transactions are conducted.

It has been said, and I think truthfully, that we live in what is called a materialistic age. By that it is meant that men are striving to create and accumulate wealth. Someone has ventured the prediction that the American people will become more and more materialistic as time goes on, and that ultimately they will discard the church and religious worship. To my mind there is no foundation for such a prediction. Underneath the materialistic sentiment is the moral element in our nature, which is bound to show itself sooner or later. I believe the tendency of the time is toward a higher and more enlightened moral nature. The conscience of the individual is being developed and the conscience of the nation is being recognized. You will find that the whole tendency of the time is in favor of the advancement of good will and peace among the nations, and the enforcement of the Golden Rule among individuals. There is also a constant broadening of Christian liberty. The teacher asked the little girl in school one day, why the Puritans came to this country, and her reply was that they came to this country in order to worship God in their own way and compel everybody else to do the same. [Laughter.] That was true two hundred and fifty years ago, but it is not true today. No one finds any fault at the present time as to the manner of worship by other persons or other churches. We no longer quarrel concerning articles of faith adopted by different churches.

Our church has adopted this as its creed:—"In the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus Christ we unite for the worship of God and the service of man." Can you imagine any creed in any church that is broader than this? Can you imagine a creed of greater practical utility than this? "Love of truth, the spirit of Jesus Christ!" These are the influences that move the world today. These are the influences that are not only uniting all people, but are gradually working out the brotherhood of nations. It is true that we still maintain an army and a navy, and that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the increase of our navy from year to year, but this is done not for the purpose of preparation for war, but in order to avoid war. It is believed that a large navy is the conservator of peace. The national conscience is the outgrowth of the conscience of the individuals composing the nation.

We believe in Unitarianism because it is a simple faith, and one that is recognized by all intelligent men. I have sometimes thought that if Christ had never appeared upon the earth—if He and his apostles had never preached the great truths which they did, that nevertheless the human race would sooner or later have accepted the same code of morals which have been accepted more or less under the influence of the preaching of Christ and his apostles, and this would have been true from the very fact that the moral element in our nature—inseparable from human existence—would have sooner or later forced the acceptance of these great moral truths. In the civilized state it is not possible to make men believe that it is better to be dishonest rather than honest, to be untruthful rather than truthful; nor can you make men believe that he is not under certain moral obligations toward his fellow men, and under great moral obligations to an overruling Providence. Our faith is a faith that is adapted to the wants of the world. We have adopted no attractive rituals; we have no articles of faith involving complex theological questions, but we have adopted the preachings of Christ, which is the great moral code of the world, and which ultimately must be accepted by all men and all nations. We have not adopted attractive rituals; we have not gone out into the high-

ways and byways proselyting in the interest of our church. We have allowed to every man the greatest possible liberty as to the manner of worship, and also as to the principles of his faith. We believe in the ultimate success of our church, because we believe that the principles upon which the church is founded are those that ultimately must be accepted by all mankind.

Now I am not one who believes in the total depravity doctrine. I believe that all men and women are naturally good, and that they are not naturally bad. I believe it is natural for men to be honest and to love their fellow beings; that it is natural for men to support the church, and to do good. I never yet have seen a man who achieved much success in life, and maintained his reputation among his fellow men as honest and upright, who was not a good man. I know it is sometimes claimed that our religion is one of culture, a religion of the intellect, and to a certain extent that may be true. It is certainly a religion founded upon Christian enlightenment, because we seek to accept the great truths of religion so far as possible free from all questions of doubt which in the past have so frequently arisen in theological discussions, concerning the great and unknown hereafter. If I am correctly informed the Unitarian believes that if he lives up to the dictates of his own conscience; if he does what he believes is right and true as between man and man; if he ennobles and develops his spiritual nature; if he follows the teachings of Christ, he is living in conformity with the teachings of his faith.

I suppose the question arises today as to what we, the laymen of the churches, ought to do for the support and advancement of our religion. There is no question but that the duty of maintaining the church is upon the layman. As Mr. Savage so well said last evening, we are a part of the church, the preacher is but the leader. We are the rank and file of the army, and he is the commanding officer. We must co-operate with the preacher in the great work of the church. I think that one of the strong arguments in favor of the layman doing his duty is based entirely upon selfish reasons. No man ever yet did his duty that he was not the happier for it. If I may be allowed to make a reference to this church, with which I am the more familiar, I have seen within the last two years a large number of the bright, enterprising business men of Newton taking an active interest in the affairs of this church. This interest has shown itself in the increased attendance, in the increased contributions to the church, in the building up of the Unitarian Club, which today is a most successful organization, with nearly two hundred members. I think I can say that no one can look into the face of a single one of these men and find without the feeling that they have made themselves the happier and the better because of the personal interest they have taken in the affairs of the church. In other words, their interest in the church has developed their moral nature, and has promoted the one great object of life, which is human happiness.

It has been well said that whatever we have whether it be in mental acquisition or the acquisition of property, we hold it all in trust for the benefit of the human race. If we believe that our church is more likely to be of service to the human race than any other church, then it is our duty to support and advance it. I am aware that it is a small church, but there is every reason to believe that it will rapidly develop in the years to come, because it advocates a religion that is practicable in every essential. I remember of once reading the story of the man who came to Mr. Beecher, when he was engaged in writing the Life of Jesus Christ, and said to him, "Mr. Beecher, when will the life of Christ be finished?" Mr. Beecher, always prepared to preach a sermon, turned and looked at him, and said, "The life of Jesus Christ will never be finished; it will last as long as the life of man." Meaning that Christ in his teachings would always remain in force as long as humanity existed.

I feel that we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon this successful conference of our churches. There is every reason to suppose that the Unitarian church will grow in numbers and influence in the years to come. There is every reason to believe that the human race will advance year by year on a higher moral plane in every civilized country. Someone has said that the last century—the century just closed—could properly be called the "commercial century," or the golden century, one in which men accumulated a large amount of wealth, but that the new century upon which we are now entering would be called the "century of humanities," that men would give more of their means for the support of the church, or for the building of hospitals and libraries; that all men would feel it their duty to do more for the uplifting of the human race. Our church will take an important part in this century of humanities. It will do its full share in the years to come for the advancement of morality and for the progress and uplifting of the human race.

REAL ESTATE

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Edward T. Harrington & Co., through their agent, Wm. H. Rand, have sold the Wade farm, Greenwood street, Newton Centre; grantor, Mrs. Wade; grantee, Mr. Underwood of Natick; the same broker has sold 15,000 ft. of land on Webster street, West Newton; grantor, Joseph A. Allen of Medfield; grantee, Wm. J. Gannon of West Newton. Mr. Gannon will erect two up to date houses to be placed on the market. Harrington & Co., also report sale of an estate on Waltham street, West Newton, to a Mr. Frazier.

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Able assistance was given by the soloists, Stephen Townsend, who took the part of Arminius; Clarence B. Shirley, that of Siegmund, and Miss Adah C. Hussey, that of the Priestess.

Both of the gentlemen gave their lines dramatically and showed such musical conception of the work as to condone the faults so frequent, poor quality of tone and the vibrato. Per contra, Miss Hussey showed how emotion could be conveyed and yet the voice be true and steady. Miss Henry furnished invaluable aid at the piano. Her work is always artistic. This concert emphasizes again the fact that the Newton Choral Association not only deserves but has achieved the cordial regard and support of our citizens.

L. C. S.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

At the Brookline High school gymnasium last Saturday, the girls' basketball team defeated that of Newton, 16 to 15. In the first half Newton had a lead of three points. This is the first game Newton has been defeated in with the exception of Radcliff.

The Newton High base ball team easily defeated that of Stone's school last Friday by a score of 17 to 6. The playing of the visitors was ragged and pitcher Smith after the fifth inning found difficulty in locating the plate.

The Sophomore base ball team was defeated in its first game last Saturday morning by the Hunnewells by a score of 21 to 15.

Corporal G. B. March and Sergeant E. M. Very have been selected to represent Newton High at the Mass. Institute of Technology interscholastic drill, May 8th, at the Irvington street armory at 7.30 p. m.

The Newton High base ball team added another victory to its already long string by defeating Roxbury High to the tune of 7 to 6. The game was won in the last inning, Roxbury going to pieces in the eighth and ninth.

The girls' exhibition drill will be held tomorrow afternoon in the drill hall, at 2 p. m. Dancing will follow the drill.

The freshmen will play their first game of base ball Saturday morning at Cabot park with the Hunnewells.

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Last Saturday the Jeffersons defeated the Pioneers by the score of 11 to 8. The features of the game were the playing of Mosher, Griffin, Gilfeather, Blue and Barrows for the Jeffersons. Campbell, Murray, and Stillman for the Pioneers.

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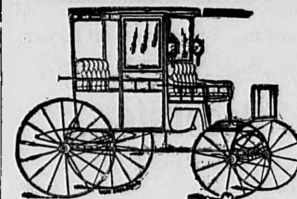
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THE PLAYHOUSE.

KEITH'S THEATRE May 4.—Vaudeville.
TREMONT THEATRE, May 4.—Anna Held in "The Little Duchess."
COLONIAL THEATRE, May 4.—"A Chinese Honeymoon."
GRAND OPERA HOUSE, May 4.—"In Posterland."
BIJOU THEATRE, May 4.—John Craig in "Prince Karl."
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS, Huntington Chambers, May 2, at 2.30.
MUSIC HALL, May 4.—"When Women Love."
MAJESTIC THEATRE, May 4.—Ward & Vokes.

Colonial Theatre—Following the enormous success of "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" at the Colonial Theatre, Boston, comes "A Chinese Honeymoon," which starts an unlimited engagement Monday, May 4, with the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees. "A Chinese Honeymoon" is a musical comedy in two acts and is the work of Mr. George Dance and Mr. Howard Talbot. The company coming to Boston numbers over one hundred people and includes such eminent artists as John Henshaw, Belle Harper, Toby Claude, W. H. Clark, Edith Eldredge, Edward Clarke, Edmund Lawrence and William Riley Hatch. What few Chinese musical comedies we have witnessed in America have all been successes, but it is left to "A Chinese Honeymoon" to eclipse them all in the way of lyrics, songs, costumes and scenery, and when the curtain goes up at the Colonial Theatre on Monday evening, May 4,

Tom Thumb, and in which he paid his respects to the late Queen Victoria, and also received the Prince of Wales, now King of England, will be on exhibition all next week at this theatre with the Royal Lilliputians. The company comes direct from the 14th St. Theatre, New York City after a successful run. Children will be specially interested in the matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Majestic Theatre—The business done by Ward and Vokes at the Majestic Theatre this week has been simply phenomenal and the house has been sold out at every performance and many persons have been turned away unable to obtain available standing room. The hold that this pair of comedians has on the theatre-going public is well demonstrated by the business they are doing and the advance sale for the next two weeks of their engagement has been beyond

libretto, which is in Mr. Ade's happiest and most satirical vein, and the music was written by William Lorraine, whose "Salome" and "Zamora" had previously given him a wide reputation. As in Mr. Ade's first effort in playwriting, "The Sultan of Sulu," his second work, is a satire on American life and customs. Instead of being a satire on American politics, "Peggy from Paris," to use Mr. Ade's own language, is "an effort dealing more or less indirectly with the strictly American custom of paying homage to the foreign artist." One of the necessarily strong features of the production is the admirably selected cast.

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White-Page

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Washington White, the popular druggist of Newton Upper Falls, to Miss Susan Camelia Page of Dorchester, took place at All Souls' church, Roxbury, on Wednesday evening last at 8 o'clock, Rev. H. T. Secrist officiating.

The bride was gowned in white satin, en traine with pearl ornaments and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Sadie L. White of Newton, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, attired in green liberty satin and carrying brides roses.

The best man was Mr. Robert H. Walker of Boston.

The guests at the church were seated by these ushers: Messrs. Harry C. Johnson, Leslie E. Williams, C. A. Thompson of Newton Highlands, and Mr. Thomas J. Sullivan of Newton Upper Falls.

Following the ceremony a reception to the family was held at 25 Northern avenue, Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. White will enjoy a wedding trip to Washington and other southern points and on their return will reside on Bacon place, Newton Upper Falls.

many new ideas will be seen. The sale of seats is now progressing and orders by mail, phone (411 Oxford), or wire will be promptly attended to, as a complete mail order plan has been established.

—Bijou Theatre—John Craig, who has just closed a four years' engagement as leading man at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, will inaugurate his starring tour at the Bijou Theatre, Boston, on Monday, May 4th, presenting "Prince Karl" by A. C. Gunter, for one week. During the run, matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The piece is full of ludicrous situations, scintillates with wit, and considered as a whole, is the best medium that Mr. Craig could select out of all the characters portrayed by him.

Boston Music Hall—No more lovable character than Ruth the Little Nurse, in the new scenic melodrama, "When Women Love," which comes to Boston Music Hall next Monday, has been seen on the stage in many a long and weary performance. The little girl is left at home to do what she can for her mother, a gentle woman dying in poverty. Ruth knows that her sister, Madge, is at the factory, working for the money needed for the medicines for her mother, and so the little girl bustles about the little house in which they live, and watching the clock, gives the feeble woman the medicines and the nourishment she needs.

Grand Opera House—Strange and wonderful are the happenings "In Posterland," the new musical extravaganza in which the Royal Lilliputians will appear next week at the Boston Grand Opera House. The miniature carriage, formerly the property of the famous midget Gen.

all expectations and it now looks as though the attraction would continue long successfully for a long run. The bargain matinees on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon at which the best seats are but 25 and 50 cents have caught on like wildfire and the seat sale for these matinees has been unusually heavy.

Keith's Theatre—The principal attraction at Keith's for the week of May 4 will be Howard Thurston, the latest entertainer to seek favor as an illusionist. Among the old time favorites are Eva Williams, the young actress who has been called "the Duse of the varieties," and Jack Tucker, character comedian, as they will be starred in the "legitimate" next season. They are to appear in the delightful one act play, "Driftwood." Hugh Stanton and Florence Modena will also be seen for the last times, as they go to Europe on the completion of the Keith engagement for a protracted stay. They are to make a revival of the satirical sketch, "For Reform." Both those teams will be sadly missed by patrons of vaudeville. Some of the other entertainers on the bill are: Guyer and Daly; the Milani Trio of musicians and singers, Charlott Guyer George, noted contralto soloist, and the Livingstons, acrobats and tumblers. "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be retained in the vitagraph for the benefit of the juvenile patrons.

Tremont Theatre—Henry W. Savage's "Peggy from Paris," the newest George Ade musical comedy, will begin a long engagement at the Tremont Theatre, Tuesday night, May 12. The new play was first produced at the Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, last January, and has played uninterruptedly at that theatre ever since. It is said to be brilliant as to

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A Long and Wearisome Discussion Over a Technicality in Street Railway Alteration.

Many Communications from Mayor, Including Announcement of Gift of Memorial Fountain.

At the regular meeting of the aldermen last Monday night, President Weed was in the chair, and Aldermen Baker, Barber, Bowen, Brown, Carter, Chesley, H. B. Day, Ellis, Hubbard, Hunt, Johnson, Lothrop, Mellen, Norris, Saltonstall, Sweeney and Webster were present.

HEARINGS.

No one appeared at the hearings upon the taking of land for sewers in private land to Mechanic street and in Grant street.

At the hearing on taking land in Cold Spring swamp for sewer purposes, Mr. C. F. Weed appeared and protested for the Dwight property.

At the hearing on construction of a concrete sidewalk on Oxford road under the betterment act, Mr. Frank H. Stuart appeared in favor of the order in behalf of the abutters on the street. Mr. Walter C. Cogswell representing Mr. Henshaw opposed the project but later withdrew his opposition.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR

The nominations of Sydney Harwood and of William M. Bullivant to be trustees of the Newton Free Library were unanimously confirmed.

The mayor transmitted a proposition from Mr. A. D. Blodgett to purchase a portion of the Pierce school lot. Referred to Public Works Committee.

The announcement of the presentation to the city of a memorial fountain by Miss M. C. Porter to be located corner of Highland and Chestnut street and recommending an appropriation of \$100 to connect the same with the water system was referred to the Finance Committee.

The mayor transmitted a letter from Bacon & Hill, relative to use of plans formerly prepared for the Anburd school house, for the proposed new Wade school. Referred to Finance Committee.

A communication relative to needed improvements at the pumping station was referred to the Public Works Committee.

A communication relative to option on land at Newton Highlands adjoining the Hyde school was referred to the same committee.

A communication relative to interments in the Soldiers' lot at the Newton cemetery was received and filed.

A communication from the School Committee approving of the various recommendations of the joint conference committee, presented to the aldermen at their last meeting was read and filed.

A statement from N. Connolly that he was prepared to erect houses on Reservoir avenue and Lee avenue when sewers were constructed, a remonstrance of H. S. Hiltz et al against sewers in Hillside road; and petitions of John H. Robinson et al to change grade of Windsor road, and of A. W. Robinson relative to condition of Waban Hill road were referred to the Public Works Committee.

Petition of Daniel Calnan for appointment as measurer of wood and bark was referred to the mayor.

These petitions were referred to the Committee on Public Franchises, etc.

Of Daniel Calnan for appointment as a Public Weigher; of P. M. Grady for a wagon license; of Barney Bimundo for a street musician license; and of Mary H. Perley for a gunpowder license.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

These reports were received: PUBLIC FRANCHISES, ETC.: Recommending pole locations to Telephone Co. on Boylston street and attachments on Newtonville avenue, and Auburn street, and recommending pole locations in Old Orchard road to Gas Co.

PUBLIC WORKS: Recommending \$500 for plans for new Wade school.

These reports were accepted: PUBLIC FRANCHISES, ETC.: Recommending granting licenses to Wm. Perlmutter, wagon; Isaac Stuart, wagon; M. J. Feeley, wagon and G. D. Diamond, 1 pool table, and reporting no action necessary on petition of Chas. Eichler for a peddlers license.

PUBLIC WORKS: Inexpedient on matter of passage way through Tolman estate, Highland street.

On motion of Alderman Day, license for 3 pool tables was granted David L. O'Brien, Newton Centre.

BOYLSTON STREET RELOCATION.

In accordance with a notice filed with the City Clerk, Alderman Webster moved reconsideration of the adoption of the resolve relative to the alteration of the tracks of the Commonwealth Avenue Street Railway Co. in Boylston street.

Alderman Webster said he had filed his notice in order to have time to investigate the matter and now believed that this resolve would cast a cloud on the right to free transfers, and would raise a question as to the position of the aldermen in the matter. He believed in preserving all the rights of the public to free transfers. In 1899 it was distinctly understood that free transfers were to

be given by the N. & B. and Commonwealth avenue companies, although the tracks did not actually connect. This was evaded by a technicality and now that there is a connecting road the people should not be deprived of their rights. He also understood that this resolve had been submitted to the street railway officials but not to the City Solicitor. He also believed that the street railway company should present its own case to the Railroad Commissioners, and not the City Solicitor.

Alderman H. B. Day said the resolve was drawn to dispel a cloud which existed as to the action of the aldermen on Sept. 15, 1902 when the tracks were relocated. The phraseology is very concise and will settle the question whether the board of 1902 had reimposed the former conditions at that time.

In answer to a question the President stated that the present law does not state who shall apply to the Railroad Commissioners for approval of such locations.

The adoption of the resolve was then reconsidered by a vote of 11 to 7. Alderman Webster then moved to amend by striking out the preamble and resolve, simply retaining the order for the City Solicitor to apply for approval of the alteration of tracks.

President Weed then took the floor, Vice President Saltonstall in the chair, and said he had drawn the resolve and order with a definite purpose of clearing up the whole matter. He then described the history of the case, stating that the Company had altered its tracks at the request of the aldermen of 1902, and that as the Commissioners had refused to approve the order dated Sept. 8, 1902, and the Company were afraid that the order of Sept. 15, would reimpose the old agreements by which the new Boston & Worcester line might be affected.

City Solicitor Slocum was called and stated that the Sept. 15 order might be capable of a double construction.

Alderman Day said the order as amended would not change the present situation one whit. It is clear that there is a question as to the meaning of the Sept. 15 order and the resolutions will settle the matter.

Alderman Ellis said he failed to understand the objection of Alderman Webster.

Alderman Day then moved to strike out the preamble, retaining the resolve and order, and to substitute the mayor for the city solicitor in the order. The amendment was adopted and that of Alderman Webster's was defeated (15 to 3).

Alderman Webster then said that it was a serious question to the people of Upper Falls whether they could have free transfers or not, and the utmost care should be taken. He referred to the present situation at Lower Falls as illustrating the arbitrary action of the street railway companies.

An amendment by Alderman Day to perfect the order by inserting the title, was adopted, another amendment of Alderman Webster to substitute the dates of Sept. 15 for that of Sept. 8, was defeated and the resolve as amended was adopted.

An order for \$500 for plans for the new school, Wade district, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A recess was then taken for a committee meeting and upon reassembling reports of the Finance Committee recommending the recommendation to the Public Works Committee of the order for plans for the new Wade school, and for a select committee on the gift of a fountain by Miss Porter were accepted. The report of the same committee recommending \$100 for said memorial fountain was received and the order therefor adopted.

These orders were adopted: Granting N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. pole locations on Boylston street and attachments on Newtonville avenue and Auburn street, granting N. & W. Gas Light Co. pole locations on Old Orchard road; taking land for sewer in Grant street and in private land to Mechanic street; laying out concrete sidewalk under betterment act on Oxford road, authorizing sewer construction in Grant street, Mechanic street and in private land to Mechanic street, and relative to interments in the Soldiers' lot, Newton cemetery.

On motion of Alderman Hubbard the adoption of the report of the Franchise Committee relative to 6th Class Liquor licenses was reconsidered, and an amendment instructing the police report to be made to the mayor, and copies furnished the License Committee was adopted.

In speaking of the matter, Alderman Hubbard said that the druggists felt indebted to the committee for their courteous treatment, and while the number of sales seems large, part of the responsibility rests on the aldermen. The druggists would like the moral support of the board in refusing sales of liquor in doubtful cases.

Alderman H. B. Day, Hunt, Ellis were appointed on the select committee on the memorial fountain.

And at 10.40 p. m. the board adjourned.

Baby Carriage.

Any one who has a baby carriage which could be given to a poor, but deserving family will confer a favor by sending their address to the Graphic office.

The Washington correspondents are including the name of Congressman Powers of Massachusetts in the list of those from whom the floor leader of the Republican side of the House is likely to be selected in the new Congress. It is generally conceded that Mr. Powers is well fitted for the position both by his legislative experience and by his intellectual equipment. Boston Herald.

UNDER THE GILDED DOME.

The General Court closes the fourth month of its proceedings with an ardent hope, almost an expectation, that the first week in June will bring prorogation. Conservative estimates, however, will be likely to set the date a couple of weeks, at least, along. There is no doubt that the calendars are in excellent shape considering the needless delays which have been forced by the dilatory attacks on the Boston police registration bill.

Alas and alas! That men of presumed judgment and sense could so have forgotten themselves as to bring about the conditions which have surrounded the enactment of this measure. Yesterday the Senate was compelled to take action on the report of special committee--Senators Apsey of Cambridge, Appleton of Peabody and MacInnis of Berkshire county--recommending the suspension of Senators Harrington and Sullivan of Boston for their unprecedented effrontery in taking the police registration bill from the hands of the Clerk of the Senate last week in their capacity as a majority of the committee on bills in the third reading, and the defying the Senate to get hold of the measure if could. Nine hundred copies are made of every bill which is favorably reported by a committee of the General Court. These foolhardy senators should have known, therefore, that the chances were nine hundred to one against their effort to hold up the bill by any such tactics. The President of the Senate and his associates did not emphasize this point, however, until the two senators had been declared in contempt for their act. Then another copy of the bill was substituted for another report and given its readings in short order. This precipitated another riot in the House, in which Representative Dana performed effective service, both by speaking on the floor in favor of concurrence with the Senate, and incidentally delivering some extremely sarcastic comments on the whole affair, and by his personal influence with his fellow republicans which helped to keep them in a solid mass and prevent the breaking of a quorum. The sentence of the special committee on the recalcitrant senators was that they should be deprived of their places on the committee on bills in third reading; deprived of their privileges as senators for one week; and further that their disabilities should continue until such a time as they offered written apologies in open session acceptable to the President of the body. It is a matter of satisfaction that in the two hundred and sixty odd years of the history of the second oldest parliamentary body in the world such an instance as this never before occurred, while one is led to cherish the hope that the drastic action which has followed will prevent a recurrence of such incidents for two hundred and fifty years more. There is a chance for a sociological study of the elements which combine to produce these conditions, but it might not interest Graphic readers.

Representative Dana has proved his capacity for thorough work as a legislator by preparing minority reports on the question of the initiative and referendum, these reports being so carefully drawn and so exhaustive in their character that no member has any right to claim lack of opportunity for acquaintance with the merits of the issue. He shows that all the safeguards surrounding a change in the constitution are swept away if 50,000 voters are permitted to initiate and to pass upon amendments or legislation as is proposed. The Boston papers have printed Representative Dana's indictment of these measures and the fatal objections to them which he outlines with such force, and it is unnecessary to repeat them here. Manu.

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Death of Mr. Thayer.

The death of Mr. Edwin M. Thayer, which occurred on Friday was a shock to his many friends as few knew of his failing health. Mr. Thayer was a native of this place where he was born 27 years ago and where he had lived practically all his life. He attended the public school and was well known in insurance and brokerage circles in Boston. In August 1901 Mr. Thayer was married in New York City to Miss Maynard Force of Minneapolis, who survives him as does his mother, Mrs. Mercy L. Thayer. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence on Walnut street and were conducted by Rev. O. S. Davis, pastor of the Central Congregational church, assisted by Rev. Robert Keating Smith, assistant rector of Grace Episcopal church, who had been an intimate friend of Mr. Thayer's for many years. Selections were rendered by a mixed quartet. There was a large number of relatives and friends present and the floral tributes were numerous and of beautiful design. The bearers were Messrs. Alexander Baxter, Edward Tay, George Kissack, John Wilson, Frank M. Elms, Oliver Loud, George Wright and Clarence Hill. On the way to the grave sixteen members of the Knights of King Arthur, a society connected with Central church and in which the deceased was greatly interested, marched on each side of the hearse. The interment was in Newton cemetery.

Post Office Notes.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced a special examination for the grade of Clerk and Carrier in the post office in this city, to be held in Boston, May 20th, 1903, for which applications will be accepted up to the hour of closing business May 13th.

The required application forms and all information concerning the examination can be secured from Mr. Butler at the post office, or from Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Room 141 P. O. Building, Boston.

The age limits are 18 to 45 years, and all male applicants must weigh not less than 125 pounds and be at least 5 ft. 4 in., in height. Hoyt E. Fuller conveys to Rose McCusker three lots of land in Newton, comprising in all 63,936 feet. There is a lot on Prospect avenue containing 19,819 feet, one on Walnut street with an area of 15,180 feet, while the third is situated on Commonwealth and Lakeview avenues and contains 28,937 feet. Henry W. Savage was the broker.

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Washington Letter.

Washington, April 27, 1903.

The wholesale investigation into affairs at the post office department still continues and in the opinion of the Postmaster General will occupy another two months before they are completed. Since General Payne returned to Washington there has been a considerable decrease in the news obtainable by the newspapers and when your correspondent asked the Postmaster General if he could not arrange to give out a few news items daily, Mr. Payne replied laconically, "Would you have me tell the cat?" Mr. Payne is most courteous to the newspaper men and receives them daily at 4 p. m. He appears to have become accustomed to the cross questioning to which the twenty or thirty correspondents submit him and seems to enjoy what he calls his "press receptions." It is evident that, regardless of irregularities and such rascality as may have been practiced in the past, there will be a general reorganization of the system. The Postmaster General is authority for the statement that when this is completed it will be impossible for one official to make allowance and then pass upon the expenditures thereof and sign the vouchers. As no general reorganization has taken place since Mr. Wanamaker was Postmaster General and the gross receipts in the interval have increased from \$56,000,000 to \$140,000,000 annually, the necessity for an overhauling is but natural.

The Northern Securities decision continues to occupy the attention of the financiers and of the legal lights in Washington to ascertain if there was no means by which relief could be obtained from the decree of the Court of Appeals. The Attorney General very wisely left town soon after the decision was announced and his exact whereabouts is not known. It was rumored that he had gone west to consult the President but that has

THE PLAYHOUSE.

KEITH'S THEATRE May 11.—Vaudeville.
TREMONT THEATRE, May 12.—"Peggy from Paris."
COLONIAL THEATRE, May 11.—"A Chinese Honeymoon."
GRAND OPERA HOUSE, May 11.—"Romance of Coon Hollow."
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS, Huntington Chambers, May 9, at 2.30.
MUSIC HALL, May 11.—"Queen of the Highway."
BOSTON MUSEUM, May 11.—"The Unforeseen."
HOLLIS STREET THEATRE, May 11.—"The Eternal City."

Hollis Street Theatre—In a late number of "The Theatre," there appeared a particularly clever interview with Miss Viola Allen, from the pen of Edward Fales Coward. As Mr. Coward put it: Miss Allen, by hard work, untiring industry, taste and intelligence, and an intuitive knowledge of her art, is today recognized as one of the leaders of American dramatic progress. This lucid sentence proves the contrary of what nearly all the uninitiated imagine, that the life of a successful actress is one long joyous holiday, instead of being one of soul distressing worry, moilome study, and unceasing labor. After all, then, success on the stage is not unlike any other success, the result of "infinite care" wisely directed. Miss Allen's triumphs in "The Christian," "In the Palace of the King," and now in "The Eternal City," now at the Hollis Street Theatre, Boston, were not mere "happenings," as some may imagine; but as Miss Allen has herself put it, they were the result of "brain-wearying and nerve-racking" efforts. Her plays, companies, productions have been of the first class because of "infinite care" in all the little details which go towards making a commanding success.

Boston Museum—The routine announcements of the Boston Museum management for the week team with mingled regret and sentiment. They realize that the hour is at hand when it behooves them to name the attraction that must be the last that can possibly be on the boards of the time honored house so golden with a career

in the new play, "Queen of the Highway," which is billed for next week at Music Hall. There is plenty of realism and sensation in "Queen of the Highway," and it is said no dull moments exist. The company is a first class one and includes William Trainor, Don Merrifield, Dick Thompson, J. Louis Ungerer, Samuel B. Steele, Dorothy Thornton, Alberta Lee, Jack Sharkey, Charlotte Severson, Henry Miller, Georgia Osborne, Frank Kilday Ernest J. Mack, George Milo Beldon, Arthur E. Sprague and a band of full blooded Sioux Indians, besides a pack of trained wolves and hyenas.

Keith's Theatre—The Fadettes woman's orchestra will be the central feature at Keith's the week commencing May 11. It is proposed to give petite concerts of popular music, including selections from the operas, stirring marches and college airs, and dreamy waltzes and descriptive numbers, as last season, and a beautiful new stage setting has been prepared. Some of the regular variety talent includes Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barry, Trovillo, the ventriloquist; Zazell and Vernon, and Ward and Curran, in the comedy section, with the De Forests, whirlwind dancers; the Brittons, real coon singers and dancers, and Franco Piper, a wonderful banjoist, among the novelties. Thurston, the illusionist, holds over a second week. In the vitagraph "All Baba and the Forty Thieves" will be illustrated by motion pictures for the benefit of the juvenile patrons.

at the Colonial Theatre, Boston, last Monday night and the reception received from the music loving people demonstrated that it is not only the best musical comedy ever written but is the prettiest production and its costumes the most expensive ever seen on any stage. The comments of the Boston morning press, like other cities which have seen "A Chinese Honeymoon," are of the highest, and every dramatic critic of Boston is of the same opinion. "A Chinese Honeymoon" is the greatest



MISS BELLE HARPER, with "A Chinese Honeymoon," at the Colonial Theatre.

of all musical comedies. People from out of town may secure seats by wire, mail, or phone (411 Oxford). As "A Chinese Honeymoon" will remain for a number of weeks, our neighboring friends can take advantage and form parties, and they may rest assured every attention will be given them regarding seats.

Grand Opera House—A natural and consistent comedy drama, flavored with the breezy local color of Tennessee life, and permeated with the soft Southern atmosphere of its value, is a "Romance of Coon Hollow," a play with a wealth of scenery and mechanical effects, and one of the largest acting companies on the dramatic stage, who will be seen at the Boston Grand Opera House next week with the usual matinees on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Besides a magnificent equipment of scenic, calcium and electrical effects and strong acting company, the troupe carries a band of colored boy and girl dancers and a capital quartet. It has been phenomenally successful.

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"The Emmaline Girls" in "Peggy from Paris" at the Tremont Theatre, beginning Tuesday, May 12th.

been denied and it is now believed his western trip is in connection with the Beef Trust. Meanwhile, the capitalists of the east are crying out against the Sherman anti-trust law, which they formerly regarded with scorn, and their newspaper organs are loudly demanding its repeal or at least its amendment so that its provisions shall not apply to railroads. The Interstate Commerce Commission will meet in New York on Tuesday to investigate the allegations that a coal trust exists and that the railroads are violating the anti-trust law in their operation of the coal mines. It is believed here that the Attorney General is responsible for the present energy of the Commission and that their investigations may be followed by legal proceedings against the "Coal roads."

Of the North Atlantic fleet of seven battleships, which, at the conclusion of the winter manoeuvres, was pronounced the most efficient squadron that ever sailed under the flag of the United States, two are badly disabled as a result of target practice and this result is the occasion of the gravest anxiety on the part of naval officials. The gun which exploded on the Iowa had been fired but 127 times and yet, it would appear from the reports thus far received that it was worn out. If the life of the great guns is to be as short as that it means a fearful expense in their maintenance and it means too that many of the guns now in use are unsafe and a menace to the men behind them. If all the guns which have been fired that number of times must be replaced it will present a most difficult problem as the capacity of the government gun factories is now overtaxed, all are working three shifts of men and even at that, it is feared that the armament for the vessels now under construction cannot be completed in time. The wrenching of the Maine by the explosion of her big guns also raises serious apprehensions and it is probable a thorough investigation and overhauling will be ordered when the President returns to Washington.

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of over a half century of illustrious players and impressive productions. It is especially appropriate that the final performances at the Boston Museum should be given over to what has proved to be one of the dramatic triumphs of the present season. To make this possible Mr. Frohman planned some time ago that his Empire Company should be the last attraction at the historic playhouse just before the work of demolition began. Being one of the managers of the Museum it was his wish that the Company should close with its triumph, "The Unforeseen," at this house of historic renown. This farewell engagement began last Monday evening when the original Empire cast and the complete Empire production was introduced. Matinees will be given on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the engagement.

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Tremont Theatre—Mr. Henry W. Savage is the sponsor for "Peggy from Paris," the latest work for the stage by George Ade, of "Fables in Slang" fame, which, after a five months' run in Chicago, is to be presented at the Tremont Theatre, on Tuesday evening, May 12. As in all the other productions which Mr. Savage has made he has engaged a most competent cast and has lavished money on the stage mountings. Among the principals are Georgia Caine, Josie Sadler, Guelma Baker, Helena Hale, William T. Hodge, E. J. Connelly, George Schiller and Arthur Haddon. Some of the songs in the musical score that have scored distinct hits are "Lil, I Like You," "Gay Fleurette," "Tell-tale Eyes," and "The Girl from the West." The music was written by William Lorraine composer of "Salome" and "Zamora."

Colonial Theatre—"A Chinese Honeymoon" opened a short season



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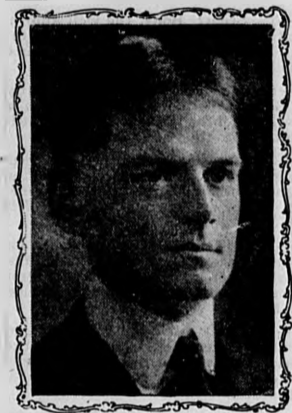
NEW SUPT.

School Committee Hold a Special Meeting.

AND ELECT FREDERICK W. ATKINSON SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

At a special meeting of the Newton school board, held in Boston Tuesday, Mr. Fred W. Atkinson was unanimously elected superintendent of Newton schools for the year beginning Sept. 1. Mr. Atkinson has had a broad training and a large experience as an educator. After studying in the High School in Reading, he for four years attended the state normal school at Bridgewater, and for some time was principal of the High School at Upton. He entered Harvard College in 1887, and in 1890 received the degree of A. B. During his college course he was principal of the evening schools in Waltham.

He then studied for three years in Germany and France, giving much attention to the methods in the lower schools and kindergartens in



F. W. ATKINSON.

those countries and in Switzerland. He received the degree of Ph. D. from Leipzig in 1893. Soon after his return from abroad he was appointed principal of the High School in Springfield, where he remained for six years, until he was appointed by the United States government as superintendent of schools in the Philippines, and held that position for three years. Having resigned, he returned to this country about a fortnight ago.

Chairman Robert S. Gorham of the board, in an official statement, said: "Mr. Atkinson is highly recommended by President Eliot of Harvard and by other prominent educators, and the school committee feels that the city of Newton is to be congratulated on securing his service. The superintendent is usually elected at the June meeting of the board, but as Mr. Atkinson had other openings under consideration the board deemed it wise to take immediate action." He is to give a course of lectures on the Philippines at the summer session of Columbia University.

Miss Hannah James.

Miss Hannah James, who died at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Monday, April 9, was born at South Scituate, Sept. 20, 1835. She was the daughter of Mr. W. James, a prominent man of affairs in that town, who represented it for a time in the Legislature. She was also a direct descendant of John Alden. Miss James received a common school education, and afterward studied with the Rev. Caleb Stetson. She came to Newton in 1854. From 1870 to 1887 she was librarian of the Newton Free Library. Here she served with ability and faithfulness and it is largely owing to her efforts that the library began to assume the form which today makes it one of the best arranged and most accessible collections of books in this state. Devoted as she was to the library her interests were not confined to it. Everything that belonged to the higher interests of the community concerned her. From the time she came to Newton until she left it to assume her place of librarian in Wilkesbarre, she was earnest and untiring in her work in the Channing Religious Society. Busy as she was she was always ready to do what she could to advance its best aims.

No teacher in the Sunday school ever did more for her Sunday school class than she, and in her, superintendent and pastor ever found an efficient helper. We all regretted her departure from us and our only consolation was that our loss would be the gain of Wilkesbarre. There she showed the same qualities of mind and heart that she did here. She identified herself with the higher life of the community. She was indefatigable in her endeavor to make the library attractive to the miners, was instrumental in the work of establishing Free Reading Rooms and Free Kindergartens. She was a member of the Art Club and the Dante class and attained a high rank among the librarians of the United States. Not finding a church of her own denomination there she became a constant attendant and loyal member of the Protestant Episcopal church of the place, and took a helpful part in its life and work.

This was to be expected from her, for to Miss James Christianity was more than an intellectual interpretation of it. Her whole life was one of integrity and loyal devotion to the best she knew, and there are many among us who will mourn her loss.

Francis B. Hornbrooke.

UNDER THE GILDED DOME.

Boston, May 13. The calendars of the two branches are comparatively short, although the reception of the report of the special committee on the revision of the corporation laws, prepared by a sub-committee, of which Representative Dana is a member, and which is due Friday, is likely to lead to a good deal of talk, as is also the bill which is expected to come from the committee on education based upon the report of the special commission on the support of the public schools, to which reference has often been made in this correspondence. The minds of many members are engrossed this week with the question concerning the outcome of the senate investigation of charges of bribery or attempts to deal corruptly with certain individuals which have been made against an unnamed member of the upper branch. Such charges are extremely difficult to prove, and investigations are of little value outside of the fact that they clear the atmosphere and cause men who forget caution as well as conscience to be more careful. If a man is corrupt, he usually seeks measures to conceal his evil acts, and hence, direct testimony of wrong doing is difficult to obtain. The regrettable phase of the discussion is that there should be sweeping charges which place two hundred and eighty members of the General Court under suspicion, when the very large majority of them are above suspicion by any persons to whom they are known. It is a pity that a few men should ever pursue a course which brings the large body of their associates into disrepute. It would be fortunate if one could directly say that every charge made was groundless, but unfortunately members sometimes pursue a policy that seems to demand an explanation, and the explanation is not always forthcoming.

The bill to provide for a bridge and other structures over the Charles river between Newton and Wellesley has taken its final reading in the House.

On Monday the House returned to the consideration of the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing cities and towns to establish municipal fuel yards, postponing it to Tuesday, and also postponing the initiative and referendum resolve to laws and constitutional amendments, to Thursday. Mr. Dana was a dissenter on both of these measures.

Governor Bates has continued his good work of acting adversely on ill considered street railway legislation which has reached him from the two branches, having eight vetoes and over a dozen recalled bills credited to his sound judgment to date. He has taken a decided stand against the enactment of special street railway charter bills, his ground being that the railroad commission, should properly be assumed to pass upon all new charters as provided in the general laws and that no exigency exists for the enactment of special measures.

The Luce joint caucus bill has been in the Senate calendar for some time but the understanding is that it is likely to be enacted into law without much further debate. The question most at issue recently has been whether the provision shall remain in the bill which compels the primary elections to be opened for the same length of time as the polls are now open on election day.

Outside of Boston the caucuses have been so generally held in the evening that it is believed some provision should be inserted which will permit evening joint caucuses. The election laws committee has conceded this point.

Within a few days a bill has taken its readings to provide that the Commonwealth shall pay to cities and towns \$2.80 per week for the support of the chronic insane now cared for in municipal institutions. This is on the recommendation of the state board of insanity, of which ex-Senator Harwood and Mr. S. W. Jones are members, and is simply temporary legislation to cover conditions existing during the work of preparing buildings for the state colony for the insane at Gardner for the reception of several hundred patients.

The bills to provide for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for metropolitan parkways and parks by the metropolitan park board, of which Mr. E. B. Haskell of Newton is a member, have taken their readings and there is no doubt that the definite work of completing the park and parkway system during the next five years will be begun immediately.

Representative Dana still keeps upon the table his motion that the House reconsider the vote of April 17 referring to the next General Court the bill to give the mayor of Newton authority to pass upon votes of the school committee which involve the expenditure of money.

Mann.

Simone Ford, the landlord humorist, will repeat his success of last Sunday in The Boston Sunday Herald of May 17. Mr. Ford has been recognized as the foremost after-dinner speaker in America, but his immediate success as a writer stamps him as a great humorist. Mr. Ford lends to his every sentence a charm of expression which impresses the reader that he is under the magnetic spell of Mr. Ford's voice. Few of the writers of humor, from Artemus Ward to Mr. Dooley, were able to transfer to paper the speaking impulse. Even so great a speaker as was Mr. Beecher utterly failed to lend to his written work the charm of his wonderful delivery. Truly Mr. Simone Ford has made a new brand of American humor, and his advent into journalism marks a new era in the fun-making of the century. Mr. Ford's work will appear only in the Boston Sunday Herald.

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INTERESTING HEARING BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

An interesting hearing was held by the Railroad Commissioners at their rooms, 20 Beacon street, Boston, last Tuesday morning on the petition of residents of Newton Lower Falls for better service on the branch line to Riverside.

Those present included a committee from the village consisting of Cal. Noah A. Plimpton, Rev. P. H. Callanan, Frederic M. Crehore, Bernard Early, Alderman Peter C. Baker, Geo. S. Perry, C. W. Hatch, J. H. Sheridan, and Thos. Flanagan, with their counsel, Mr. Thos. W. Procter, Vice President Van Etten, Samuel Hoar, Esq., and Mr. A. J. Desoe.

The petition recited the discontinuance of Sunday passenger trains, unnecessary delays at Riverside for connections to Boston, that the branch trains were not properly manned, that tickets to Boston were not accepted on the Brookline side of the circuit, that Pine Grove was simply a flag station, for 5 ride tickets, and insufficient freight service.

In the matter of Sunday trains Chairman Jackson stated that the general policy of the state was to discourage Sunday service and that they were run only by permission when a special need is shown. The board had generally assumed that it had no control over them.

Mr. Procter stated that he claimed that under the lease to the New York Central there was to be no impairment of existing service. This question by direction of the chairman was left for further argument by counsel.

Mr. F. M. Crehore testified that the discontinuance of Sunday trains was very inconvenient to his family, it being especially difficult to obtain domestics. The trains had formerly been made up of two cars, then one car and finally a combination car. The changing of Pine Grove to a flag station was also an inconvenience to the thirty or more families, and on outward trips, persons were frequently carried to Lower Falls.

Mr. Hoar stated that it was not proposed to run the combination car any more, or as Mr. Procter called it, "the ping pong" car.

Mr. Thomas Flanagan testified that a smoking car had been used to convey passengers including ladies and children, and the train had only an engineer and conductor. He believed that the service depreciated his property \$1000 and he had lost the sale of some real estate on account of the lack of Sunday trains.

Rev. P. H. Callanan said he and his church had been inconvenienced by the loss of the Sunday trains. He also disliked the 10 to 14 minutes wait at Riverside and believed tickets should be good both ways on the circuit.

Mr. Bernard Early said that the railroad served about 2000 people, 290 homes, 6 manufacturing and a total valuation of about \$1,600,000. The loss of Sunday trains seriously affected property values. He said the active agitation had only begun since the combination car had been put on, although the freight service had been going down for some time previous. Since the public indignation meetings the railroad officials had changed their attitude towards the people and the freight service had improved. He objected to the use of an old smoking car for women and children.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ceremonious Acceptance of Portrait of Abraham Fuller—Resolutions on Memorial Fountain.

Action Taken on Many Important Matters Including New Pumping Plant and Plans for New School.

The regular meeting of the aldermen on Monday evening was enlivened by the exercises attending the acceptance of a portrait of the Hon. Abraham Fuller, the town clerk and treasurer for many years, a century ago.

The portrait had been presented by Mrs. Sarah Fuller Read of Brookline, who was present together with her son, Mr. Chas. F. Read, Mrs. C. F. Read and Hon. Henry E. Cobb, President of the Newton Historical Society, occupied a seat aside of the President and among the audience were noted Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fuller, Thomas Weston, Esq., Hon. G. D. Gilman, Mr. Edw. McLellan and Mrs. S. Curtis Smith, regent Sarah Hull Chapter, D. R.

Aldermen Baker, Barber, Brown, Carter, Chesley, H. B. Day, Ellis, Ensign, Hubbard, Hunt, Johnson, Lothrop, Mellen, Norris, Webster and President Weed were present and the report of the Select Committee on the portrait was made the first business.

The following resolutions were presented by Alderman Mellen, chairman of the committee:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sarah Fuller Read of Brookline has presented to the City of Newton a photograph of a portrait of her great-grandfather, Abraham Fuller, therefore,

RESOLVED that we receive said picture with gratitude and thanks to the donor and assign to it a place upon the walls of the office of the City Clerk in our City Hall, where it shall be kept in perpetual care; and we would also place on record our regard for the memory of the distinguished subject of the portrait. Abraham Fuller was born in Newton, March 23, 1720. Throughout a long and eventful life, he made Newton his home and here he died April 20, 1794. During the Revolutionary period, he was undoubtedly the most eminent citizen of the town. He was repeatedly elected to public office, thus demonstrating his hold upon the respect and affection of his fellow citizens. In early manhood a school teacher, at forty years of age he relinquished that profession to enter upon a public career. In 1760 he was elected selectman and continued to hold that office for seven years. In 1766 he became Town Clerk and Treasurer and for twenty-six years performed the duties of those exacting offices. From 1764 to 1782, a period of eighteen years, he was a member of the General Court of Massachusetts. In 1774-5, he was a member of the Provincial Congress which met at Concord. He was elected to the Massachusetts Senate and was appointed a judge of the court of Common Pleas. He was also a Councillor of the Province of Massachusetts and his name was upon the "Alarm list" as a "Minute Man" of the Revolution. He was a man of inflexible integrity and lofty character. His word was as good as his bond. While sternly unyielding in his conviction of right and justice, he had a kind heart and generous feelings. To us of a younger generation, his life should be a source of courage and inspiration both in private endeavor and public service.

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Board and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Sarah Fuller Read.

Alderman Mellen then said: This is an auspicious occasion. We celebrate tonight the deeds and character of one, who in his day and generation was eminently useful to his town and his Commonwealth and his nation, even in the darkest time of its history, yet it would not be fair to Abraham Fuller to judge him by our standards, but he should be judged by his environment living as he did over one hundred and fifty years ago. What was his environment? Newton at that time was a hamlet of 1300 inhabitants. There was a cluster of houses at what we now call Newton Centre and another down near the Charles River, the rest of the territory that is now known as Newton which had only recently become Newton from the town of Newtowne, for a long time a part of Cambridge, was a primeval forest abounding in game, and its rivers swarmed with edible fish. Agriculture was the principal business of the community. There were a few artisans, some blacksmiths, and some wheelwrights dependent on the people in Newton for their support. The different parts of the town were not as now connected with broad beautiful highways and boulevards. There were no roads except those that connected Newton with the metropolis of the state, Boston. The others were merely bridle paths, the only means of locomotion being on horseback. Most of the necessities of modern life had not been invented. At the time of Abraham Fuller's birth tight air stoves had not been thought of and people cooked in fire places similar to what many of us may remember in our boyhood days. Steam railroads, horse railways, electric cars, telegraph, telephones, bicycles, automobiles had not then even been dreamed of by the greatest enthusiast. When Abraham Fuller was first elected to the office of selectman, and afterwards to the office of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, the Town of Newton was raising the sum by taxation of one hundred sixty pounds sterling per year and the very year he died the town of Newton raised only three hundred pounds sterling by taxation. There had been a period within his administration when the Town raised 2000 pounds sterling, in the depreciated currency of the times. He died in 1792. Money was then counted in pounds,

shillings and pence, but the year after he died the money was collected in United States money, and counted in eagles, dollars and dimes.

Abraham Fuller was carefully educated. I have not been able to find any record of his education, but I hope some of his relatives have been able to discover something of his early education. That he was carefully educated is certain because for many years he conducted a private school in this town where boys were educated, and that he was deeply interested in education is shown by the fact that he left \$300 in his will for the purpose of founding an academy in Newton for the education of youth. He was a man of sterling integrity and high and lofty purposes. He could not bear to be in debt. As he lay dying his wife saw that he was troubled and asked him the cause, he replied that he owed nine pence to the cobbler and asked that he be brought that he might pay him and when death came there was found clutched in his hand the fee in sterling which he had saved to pay the doctor for the last visit. It was at first proposed to bury Mr. Fuller in the family grave yard upon his farm, but his reply to the suggestion was characteristic of the man. "I have never been bought in my life and I will not be bought or sold after I am dead."

In his service in the Continental Congress he served in some of the most important committees of that important body. He was chairman of the committee which had in charge the records which showed the resources of the American people as they were about entering upon that terrible struggle with the mother country.

He was a judge of the court of common pleas, the predecessor of our present superior court. Judge Fuller, Senator Fuller or Captain Fuller as you may wish to call him was a portly man of florid complexion, which is indicated by the portrait before you on the desk; a man of deep and commanding voice. It is said of him that he could stand on a hill and direct his workmen on another part of his farm a mile distant. The shriek of the locomotive and the clang of bells was then unknown in these parts.

After his death there was a curious phenomenon. He was buried in the family tomb and when the tomb was opened for the purpose of interring the remains of his widow who died some eight or nine years later it was found that his body was in almost a perfect state of preservation and although the coffin in which he was buried had rotted away, his body remained perfectly intact and for several years remained practically in that condition. People came from far and near to see the body, drawn by the remarkable story. Being annoyed by so many visitors the family afterwards sealed the tomb as before. When in 1850 the family tomb was opened it was found that the preservative qualities had ceased to act, for then nothing was found but the bones.

I think the city of Newton may congratulate itself on having received this memorial of this distinguished man. He was a worthy progenitor of the people of Newton and a worthy example to us, its sons. We have to look to him as a bright and shining example of a high and lofty character and a disinterested public servant. With such characters as Abraham Fuller, we may be sure our liberties would be preserved, interests, financial and otherwise well taken care of and protected after him, we, the citizens of Newton, may have our characters strengthened and actuated by the same spirit which actuated him.

Alderman Ensign: It is a great pleasure for the city to receive a gift like this, which is before us. I heartily endorse what has been said by my friend in regard to the character of Abraham Fuller and would like to say a word in regard to another prominent man, William Hull, who married Abraham Fuller's only daughter Sarah.

Alderman Ensign then gave a history of General Hull, closing as follows: Hull and Fuller—Fuller and Hull, two worthy names in Newton history, well worth commemorating.

In the old cemetery on Centre street last Saturday as I placed my hand on the tablet of Judge Fuller, thought came to me, "What is true patriotism? Which was the better representative of it?" The answer to me is this, that the man who attends to and fills his duty as civilian or official is as great a patriot as he who falls in the field of battle. The lesson of this hour to us is this, whether civilian or official our acts and conduct should be such that when we pass away it shall be said of us as of Fuller and Hull "as to perpetua."

Mr. C. F. Read then spoke as follows:

I thank you for the opportunity to say a few words on this interesting occasion. The gentlemen who preceded me have spoken so eloquently that I can hardly say anything in that direction but I think I might relate a few incidents of a family nature and they might be called post mortem.

Judge Fuller was placed in the cemetery on Centre street. When it was found, as has been stated that his body remained in such perfect state it brought physicians and others from all parts of the country and it was said that the body was so in fact that they could stand on him. Some said he was too good for the worms to eat and others said he had the gout. I remember of going there when the tomb was opened when I was a little fellow and it affected me so that I could not go to sleep until some one was sent to remain with me. When the tomb was opened there was a negro's skull found and it was found that it was the skull of Tillo,

General Hull's body servant. He lived with Gen. Hull nearly all his life and it was his desire that he be buried at his master's feet, and there he was found, at the foot of the coffin of General Hull. Several years after the tomb was broken into by malicious boys and after that was permanently sealed, but it bears the same inscription that it did before.

I can only add that I am glad that my mother was able to be here with us on this occasion, and desire to thank you in her name, for this evening be one of the memorable occasions of her long life.

Pres. Weed: I am sure we are all very grateful for the presence of Mrs. Read and Mr. Read, and also that so many members of the Newton Historical Society and Sarah Hull Chapter of the Revolution can be here. I am sure we can all gather from the words that have been spoken new inspiration for the future.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The following report was then received from the select committee on the gift of a memorial fountain in honor of Mrs. Henry Lambert, and the resolutions adopted by a rising vote:

For nearly half a century, beginning before the Civil War, and terminating with her death, February 8, 1900, Mrs. Katherine Porter Lambert, wife of the Reverend Henry Lambert, resided in West Newton. For these many years her life was one of modest, helpful service to her husband and family, typical of true womanhood, with an ever increasing influence for good upon the community.

In loving memory of this beautiful character, her sister, Miss Marianna C. Porter, has presented to the city a memorial fountain, designed by Miss Ann Whitney, to be located at the junction of Chestnut and Highland streets in close proximity to Mrs. Lambert's home for so many years.

It is therefore RESOLVED, that the gift of said fountain, be and is hereby gratefully accepted by the City of Newton, and dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Katherine Porter Lambert, a fitting representative of those womanly virtues, which are a source of inspiration to all humanity, and a power for good in every community.

RESOLVED, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this board and a true copy transmitted to Miss Porter.

A communication from the mayor enclosing an invitation from Charles Ward Post to attend Memorial Day exercises was read and the invitation accepted.

The appointment of Daniel Callan as a Measurer of Wood and Bark was confirmed, and the bond of Harry A. Stone, as a Constable was approved.

The report from Commissioner Elders up in the cost of making changes in the High school was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The lowest bids are as follows: Finishing both ends, fourth floor, \$11,599; finishing north end, with dormer at south end, \$7760; finishing north end only \$6290.

Petitions from Frank H. Stuart to cross Pearl street with an electric wire and of A. Dudley Dowd for an Auctioneer's license were granted.

Petitions from Celestine Boccorosa for street musician license, of Joe Peters for the same, of Doldt and Usher for a wagon license, of C. E. Hodges for a wagon license and a complaint from Albert Keefe that free transfers are not issued on the Boston and Worcester Street Railway line were referred to the Committee on Public Franchises.

Petitions from the Telephone Company for attachments on Middle, Chapel and California streets for pole locations on Parker, Dedham streets and Sylvan avenue and for conduits in St. James, Park, Vernon, Arlington, Copley, Church, Eldredge, Auburn, Sterling, Temple, Prince, Winthrop, Cherry, Otis, Highland, Walnut, Beacon, Cypress, Parker, Summer streets, Waverley, Hunnewell and Grant avenues, and Langley road, and from the Gas Co. for relocation of poles on Windsor road were referred to the same committee, hearings being ordered for May 28, at 7.45 p. m.

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Financial.

The market is almost entirely in the hands of the professional traders, and this element is apparently trying to make turns on the short side. There has been no heavy liquidation, but a scattered selling which has resulted in only fractional declines. Conservatism is being preached on all sides, and the general feeling is one of pessimism. Great stress is being laid upon what are considered unfavorable factors, while the publication of good news has practically no effect upon prices. This means of course that there is no outside buying and that the great financial interests think that the present is not a favorable time to advance prices. The professional selling has created a large short interest in the market, which makes it perfectly safe to buy the dividend paying stocks on all weak spots. The big men appear to be satisfied to just carry their loads, and time alone will tell how long the market will be controlled by the professionals.

—Curtis and Sederquist.

There is not a great deal of current interest or feature in the stock market, which is fallow for the moment, but as a calm never lasts indefinitely at sea, so in the market there is bound before long to spring up a breeze of speculative activity. The point at issue is, whether such reanimation will be in favor of or at the expense of market valua-

THE PLAYHOUSE.

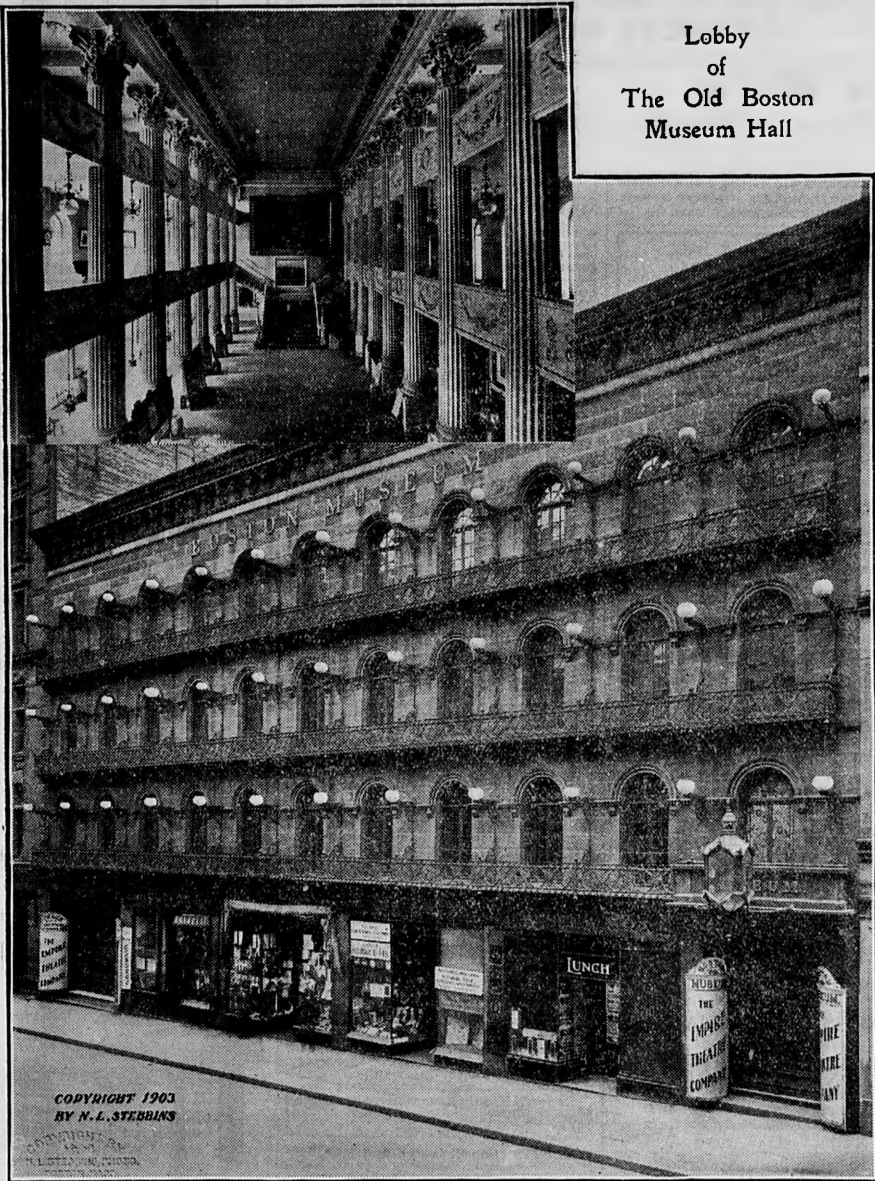
KEITH'S THEATRE May 25.—Vaudeville.
TREMONT THEATRE May 25.—"Peggy from Paris."
GRAND OPERA HOUSE May 25.—"Happy Hooligan."
MAJESTIC THEATRE May 25.—"York State Folks."
BOSTON THEATRE May 25.—"The Defender."
MUSIC HALL May 25.—"The Bandit King."

Boston Music Hall—The attraction at Boston Music Hall next week will be James H. Wallick's magnificent production of the thrilling melodramatic success, entitled, "The Bandit King," without doubt one of the strongest melodramas that has ever been presented in this country. It has not been seen in Boston in a number of years but it has lost none of its attractive qualities that made it so popular a dozen years ago when Mr. Wallick himself appeared in the leading role. To those of the present generation it will be the same as an entirely new play. It will be interpreted here by a magnificent cast of players led by John J. Farrell who is said to be an ideal exponent of the Western border hero. The supporting company is an excellent one.

Tremont Theatre—"Peggy from Paris" has certainly caught the popular fancy. George Ade's newest offering to the stage has scored such a decided success that it has been booked to remain at the Tremont for

Boston Theatre—On Monday, May 25, there will be a return to a musical form of entertainment at the Boston Theatre, when "The Defender," opens a limited engagement at the big playhouse. For this presentation of "The Defender," that bright, breezy and thoroughly delightful combination of mirth, melody and terpsichorean gaiety. A degree of sumptuousness in mounting and costuming will be attained that will make it unparalleled in musical comedy productions. Startling novelties in electrical effects and coloring devices will be introduced, making the new edition of "The Defender" a production of great attractiveness and marked interest. For the benefit of out-of-town theatregoers, there will be special matinees on Wednesdays, in addition to the usual Saturday afternoon performances.

Boston Grand Opera House—The present season at the Boston Grand Opera House will be brought to a most successful close with a return

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tions; or, in closer compass, whether the public will again care to resume speculative operations. An affirmative to the latter question would pretty positively decide the former query in favor of higher quotations.—Corey, Milliken & Co.

Hotel Book Giving Summer Resorts Railroad and Hotel Rates Published by the Boston & Maine Railroad.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Pearson's Magazine for June contains two serial stories, Sir Henry Morgan—Buccaneer and the Pirates; A San Francisco Night's Entertainment; A historical sketch, The Story of Oregon; The Peril of Norway, one of the Underground History series; six bright special articles—The Heatsugar Industry, How to Drive, Photographing from a Balloon, Jerome vs. Crime, The Old South Work and its Founder, and Where Women's Clubs are Not; two clever short poems, Resignation, and So Said the Moon, the latter illustrated two short stories, The Seventeenth Division, and The Colonel's Son; and a short sketch of a Honeymoon Pilgrimage by a young couple in rural England. The number is fully illustrated, and has not a dull page

an uninterrupted run until next autumn. The cast of principals is a long one, and there are many competent singers and actors who are already old favorites. The tuneful music of William Loraine, the composer, has caught the popular fancy and the whistlers are already repeating the strains of "Emmaline," Mr. Connelly's song in the first act; "Gay Fleurette," Georgia Caine's entrance song; "Lull, I Like You," a clever number containing dozens of Mr. Ade's slang expressions; "The Girl from the West," Josie Sadler's inimitable "Henny," and many other musical numbers that are so pleasing to the ear. Manager Schoeffel has had the famous cooling apparatus of the Tremont put in order, and the house no matter how hot the temperature outside—will be as comfortable as it was last summer.

Majestic Theatre—No more important engagement has been announced by the management of the Majestic Theatre since that beautiful playhouse was opened to the public than the production commencing next Monday, of that delicious rural play "York State Folks." Theatregoers in this vicinity have had to wait a long time to pass judgment upon the late Arthur Sidman's work. In the leading theatres of other cities "York State Folks" has been witnessed by vast audiences and the play has been pronounced fully equal to and in some respects, better than the past efforts of John E. Owens, James A. Herne and Deamus Thompson. It is a simple tale of the people of an everyday American village, the scenes are laid in a typical "Up-state" town of the Empire State. About fifty persons in all will be seen on the stage in manager Fred E. Wright's production of "York State Folks." The usual matinees will be given during the engagement.

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Board of Aldermen.

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PUBLIC FRANCHISES: No action necessary on petitions of Telephone Co. for various replacements, recommending revocation of wagon license of Joseph Pouliot, recommending appointment of Daniel Calnan and Margaret C. Daly as weighers of coal, recommending granting license to Barney Bimundo as street musician, and to A. H. Strong for bowling alleys after 6 p. m., except on school holidays, recommending leave to withdraw on petition of Boston and Worcester Street Railway Co. to act as a common carrier, recommending no action necessary on matter of street railway location Parker and Dedham streets, recommending no action necessary on petition of Mary H. Perley for gun powder license and recommending granting Arthur Hudson a 6th Class Liquor License.

PUBLIC WORKS: Inexpedient to use plans of Bacon Hill for new Wade school; inexpedient to change grade of Windsor road, leave to withdraw on petition relative to condition of Waban Hill road, and leave to withdraw on petition for sewer Hillsdale road.

The report of leave to withdraw from the Committee on Claims on petition of May O. Brown for abatement of taxes claimed to have been paid was opposed by Alderman Johnson, who said that if there was any doubt the petition should have the benefit of it. Alderman Mellen said in the judgment of the Committee the taxes had never been paid, but on his suggestion the matter was laid over until the next meeting.

Alderman Chesley presented the license of S. A. Piper to run a steam launch on the Charles river, which he desired renewed. Mr. Piper was given a hearing and said he wished to run a boat this summer but would like to run ten miles an hour instead of 4½ miles. Alderman Barber raised the point of equipment with life preservers and the matter was referred to the Committee on Licenses.

An order for \$200 for printing old reports was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The order for \$250 for purchase of school land at Newton Highlands was assigned for the next meeting on motion of Alderman Mellen.

The ordinance amending the building ordinance was passed to be enrolled and referred to the Committee on Rules.

These orders were adopted:

For sewer in Oak street; for sewage pumping plant in Oak street; \$122 for settlement of Ritchie claim; \$508 for water mains, Nahanton street and Waban avenue; relocation of poles of Telephone Co. on Hammond, Cherry, and Nahanton streets, granting pole locations on Forest avenue to Gas Co.; requesting Committee on Rules to consider amendment to ordinance relating to inspection of wires; \$28,000 for new pumping plant, Water Dept.; for commission to revise building and plumbing ordinances; assigning hearings June 1, on taking land for sewers in Abbott street, Butts street, Williams street, Williams court, and between Abbott street and Williams court, and requesting Boston and Worcester Street Railway Co. to light Boylston street.

The grant for city expenses was made \$76,010.97 by request of Alderman Lothrop and also adopted.

The order for \$500 for plans for new Wade school was adopted after a few questions of Alderman Webster had been answered.

Resolutions relative to kind of poles to be used in replacements and relocations were adopted.

On motion of Alderman Webster the City Solicitor was requested to inform the board as to the right to require a record to be made of what free transfers are made by street railways and to require such record to be filed.

On motion of Alderman Day a hearing was ordered before the Franchise Committee, May 28, at 8 p. m., upon the matter of requiring 15 minute time between Newton Lower Falls and Nonantum Square.

And at 10.10 p. m. the board adjourned.

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NEWTON CENTRE.

—Mrs. W. C. Brooks of Laurel street has returned from Pocasset.

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—Mr. Homer Bigelow is building a new residence on Woodman road, Chestnut Hill.

—Mr. Charles Collins is having built for him a handsome residence on Dudley street.

—Mrs. C. S. Waugh of Salmah, N. S., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Waugh of Cypress street.

—Wednesday afternoon the Buffalos defeated the Newton Highlands in a base ball game. The score was 20 to 7.

—The annual business meeting of the Hale Union will be held Sunday, June 7th, in the Unitarian church parlors.

—Last Wednesday evening at the Methodist church Rev. Dillon Bronson of Brookline gave his lecture on "Japan."

—Mr. Edward S. Cobb of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, has returned and is improving in health.

—The Newton and Brookline High base ball nines will play on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock on the Cedar street grounds.

—Hon. J. R. Leeson has been at Lake Mohonk the past week attending the conference on the subject of international arbitration.

—Mayor John W. Weeks is to speak on "The Church and Civic Righteousness," at the close of the morning service at the First church next Sunday.

—Miss Blanche Noyes, assisted by Messrs. Van Vliet, cellist, and Clarence B. Hay, baritone, gave a recital in the parlors of the Unitarian church last Wednesday evening.

—A lawn party for the members of the congregation of the Unitarian church will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Miss Edith Gammons on Beacon street.

—The dinner for the G. A. R. veterans will be served at the engine house on Saturday at noon by the Newton Centre Woman's Club and the Improvement Association.

—Miss Eleanor C. Leonard had one of the prominent character parts in the presentation of a German play by students of Boston University, in Sleeper Hall last Friday afternoon.

—Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Rachel Rand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery L. Rand, and Rev. Edwin Whitney Bishop of Concord, N. H., the event to take place Thursday, June 11th.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albert Edmands will have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their little son, Albert Cecil Edmands, who died in Nashville, Tenn., last Wednesday, aged 3 years.

—The people of Oak Hill are to be congratulated on the results of their recent sale and supper held last week in their new chapel, which netted them \$340, making secure the amount necessary to complete their chapel in all its details.

—A meeting of the V. E. C. was held at the home of Mr. E. W. Pratt, 27 Trowbridge street, last Friday evening. The following officers were appointed: Ethel Gibby, president; Charlie Paul, secretary and treasurer; Langdon Pratt, chairman.

—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Scudder Bassett have issued invitations to the marriage reception of their daughter Eudora Elizabeth and Clarence Lincoln Brown, to follow the ceremony, at 173 Morton street, Tuesday evening, June 16th, from 8 to 10.

—Mrs. Ann M. Harmon, widow of Ivory Harmon, passed away at her home on Dedham street Thursday morning, after a long period of ill health, aged 76 years. She was an old resident and was a member of the First church. One daughter, Mrs. D. A. Morehouse, survives her. The funeral will be held from the house Sunday afternoon at 1.30.

—Last Saturday evening the First church voted to have the committee proceed with the building of the new church. It is to be of Old English style of architecture, with Norman tower, and to be built of stone. It is to cost not over \$107,500. Horton and Hemingway of Providence, R. I., are the successful bidders. Work will not be undertaken until after June 10.

—The piano pupils of Miss Grace L. Diggins, B. O., gave a recital in the parlors of the Unitarian church last Saturday afternoon. They were assisted by Miss Eleanor Bigelow, soprano; and Miss Bertha Bigelow, violinist. The patronesses of the affair were Mrs. H. R. Havens, Mrs. Herbert A. Thayer, Mrs. Bertrand E. Taylor, Mrs. W. N. Flinders, Mrs. C. H. Fessenden, Mrs. H. W. Tyler, Mrs. F. F. Cutler, Mrs. George L. West and Mrs. J. F. Sweeney.

—A meeting of the Mothers' Rest Association was held in the chapel of the Congregational church on Thursday of last week. The house is to be opened on June 10, and plans to give two weeks' rest to seven parties of about thirty persons. The association has recently been incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, and is ready to receive any sums of money, large or small, which may be paid to the treasurer, Mrs. W. K. Holt, 15 Rice street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Martin Dill will have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their son, Nathaniel Lothrop Dill, which occurred at the family residence on

Commonwealth avenue last Wednesday, aged 15 years. The cause of death was hemorrhage of the brain supposed to be the result of injuries from a fall from his bicycle, while going to the High school Monday, where he was a member of the sophomore class. The funeral was held this morning from the house, Rev. E. M. Noyes officiating and the interment was at Bridgewater.

—Tickets for the Out of Door Fete and Pled Piper to be given on Saturday, June 6th, for the benefit of the Newton Hospital Kitchen Fund, can be obtained in this village of Mrs. W. H. Coolidge, 65 Gray Cliff road.

NEWTON HIGHLANDS.

—Judge Moffatt of Bradford road has moved to Boston.

—Mrs. Whight, the mother of Mr. Richard Whight, is the guest of Mrs. Aldrich at Leominster.

—Mr. Sweeney of South Boston has taken the Pulsifer house on Forest street, and now occupies.

—Mr. Ladd has moved from Hyde street to the house on Walnut street, belonging to the father of Mr. Ladd.

—The Sherman estate on Harrison street at Eliot has been sold to Mrs. Torrey of Dickerman road, who buys for a home.

—Mills undertaking rooms, 831 Washington street, Newtonville. Tel. 445-5. Leave calls with H. S. Hiltz, Eliot station. Tel. N. H. 21240.

—The usual monthly vesper service will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 7.30 p. m., in the Congregational church. Subject of the address, "Hero Worship."

—The Nickerson estate on Lincoln street has been sold to Mr. Whitney, a brother-in-law of Mr. W. W. Martin on Hartford street, and he is now having extensive repairs made on same.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen have issued invitations this week for the marriage of their daughter, Abby Louise to Mr. John Nicholson Eaton, the ceremony to take place at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, June 17th, at 8 o'clock.

WABAN.

—Mr. John H. Robinson and family left for their summer home at Hull on Friday.

—Mr. Joseph Congdon and family have moved into the house at 281 Waban avenue.

—The Ladies' Aid Society held their final meeting for the season last Wednesday at the residence of Mr. Wm. Saville.

—Mills undertaking rooms, 813 Washington street, Newtonville. Tel. 445-5. Leave calls at Rhodes' Drug store. Tel. N. H. 237-3.

—Mr. J. H. Pillsbury, principal of the Waban school, will entertain the "Phillips Brooks Club" and the Waban "Boys' Club" this Friday evening.

—Tickets for the Out of Door Fete and Pled Piper to be given on Saturday, June 6th, for the benefit of the Newton Hospital Kitchen Fund, can be obtained in this village of Mrs. W. H. Gould, Beacon street.

—The ladies' night of the Beacon Club was held last week Thursday at the residence of Mr. Oakes on Highland road. Mr. Winship gave an interesting talk on "The Standards of the 20th Century." The house was beautifully decorated, pinks and lilies being predominant, an orchestra furnished music during the evening.

NEWTON UPPER FALLS.

—Mrs. Daniels of High street is ill with pneumonia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Day of High street are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

—Mrs. L. P. Everett is entertaining her niece, Miss Mary Jordan, of Portland, Me.

—The Eliot Orchestra play this evening at Needham for the Eliot Lodge, who are to have an entertainment and dance.

—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Thorne of Chilton place on Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

—Tickets for the Out of Door Fete and Pled Piper to be given on Saturday, June 6th, for the benefit of the Newton Hospital Kitchen Fund, can be obtained in this village of Mrs. John A. Gould, 1206 Boylston street.

—From a note received from Mr. Waldo Herbert Moreau, formerly of this village, we learn that he has finished a post graduate course of surgical nursing and is now engaged at private work in a large sanitarium in Easton, Pa. Mr. Moreau was married last July.

—At the Baptist church next Sunday morning the pastor's theme will

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AUBURNDALE.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Davis of Central street moved last Friday to Roxbury.

—A large automobile shed is being built by Thomas Robertson at Norumbega Park.

—Mrs. Nelson of Boston is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eben Tourjee of Central street.

—Mrs. Walter Ware of Ware road has returned from the hospital much improved in health.

—Work has been continued on the dam for the metropolitan water works at the Weston bridge.

—Miss Helen I. Pratt has accepted the position of soprano soloist at the Allston Baptist church.

—Mrs. Bourne of Winsor, Vt., is visiting her son, Mr. George H. Bourne of Woodbine street.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Hutchinson of Central street are visiting Dr. Hutchinson's father in Maine.

—The house owned by Miss Nellie McLaughlin on Bourne street is being relocated nearer the street.

—Mr. T. E. Baker has returned after a winter's absence and has opened his house on Fern street.

—Mr. L. E. Bova will be in charge of the restaurant at Norumbega Park this season and will open on Saturday.

—Mr. George F. Detrick and family, who have been guests at the Woodland Park hotel have gone to California.

—Mr. and Mrs. William F. Soule and Miss Emma Soule of Rowe street left yesterday for their summer home at Bustin's Island, Me.

—The Gas Company are giving free cooking lectures every Tuesday and Friday at 3 p. m. at their office, 308 Washington St., Newton.

—Rev. A. P. Foster and family, who have been in Chicago for an extended sojourn have returned to their home on Central street.

—Mrs. John T. Benson of Commonwealth avenue has gone to England. Mr. Benson has taken rooms at the residence of George B. Cooke on Melrose street.

—A cordial invitation is extended to visit the new store of Bemis & Jewett, 101 Bray's block, Newton Centre. A full line of wall papers at reasonable prices.

—At the residence of the bride on Chestnut street, Waltham, Wednesday of last week, occurred the marriage of Miss Bertha Marie Adams and Mr. George Augustus Bacon of Lexington street. Rev. F. B. Greene was the officiating clergyman.

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